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HE'S ONLY AN UNDERTAKER

L. F. Montele, local undertaker returned last night from Raton stopping off on the way back at Las Vegas. He reports that everything is remarkably dull and quiet in both towns and that neither one can hold a candle to the Ancient City in the way of business activity. At Raton, he says, the fact of the mines being shut down as well as the harm worked by the Belen cut off, has injured the business of the town badly and as a result the merchants are complaining—Santa Fe New Mexican.

But then, being an undertaker and used to handling dead ones, it was quite natural for Mr. Montele to see things in the two cities mentioned the way he did.

HOW TO GAIN INFLUENCE

Gov. Johnson of Minnesota says the Trans-Mississippi states should "arise in their might and claim for themselves that fair share of influence in the halls of congress and in the administration of national affairs to which they are entitled by every law of common sense as well as of political economy."

That is good advice. It would have been better if the governor had rounded it out by telling the states in question how to acquire that in-

fluence in the halls of congress to which they unquestionably are entitled. The recipe is a simple one. It is: Elect good men to congress and keep them there.

Iowa showed that it understood this, and practiced it in the case of Senator Allison. Through him the state exerted an unusual degree of legislative influence. Minnesota understands it, and hence keeps Senator Nelson in congress. New England understands it. Of the seven senators of longest service, five represent four of the New England states. This helps to explain the predominant influence of that part of the country in tariff legislation.

Ability and length of service, not the area or the population of the state he hails from, make a senator or a representative influential. The people of any transmississippi state can get their full share of influence in national affairs by going after it in the right way.—Chicago Tribune.

LIMITED WRECKED

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he hardly knew what had happened, but when he had collected his senses he knew that a wreck had occurred. He went forward at once, but could see little in the darkness. The fact that no one was killed, he said, was little short of miraculous.

Finally a temporary track was built around the wreck and traffic resumed. The limited did not reach here until 8:30 last night, or many hours behind its regular schedule. Closely following it were trains Nos. 1, 7 and 9, also hours off schedule.

A Gentle Hint

In this connection The Optic takes occasion to call the attention of local Santa Fe officials to the inconvenience caused patrons of the road by the posting of misleading bulletins on the arrival of trains yesterday at the local station. According to the bulletin board at the north end of the passenger depot, the limited was coming almost every hour until it actually did arrive, while Nos. 7 and 9 were reported on time as late as 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Many people spent hours at the station as a result, waiting for these trains. It would seem that such a state of affairs as existed yesterday could be easily obviated and The Optic believes that since attention of the officials has been called to it that it will be.

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RICE SLIPS SHACKLES

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O. Carter hurried an automobile after the prisoner.

A Hot Chase

The chase proved a hot one, the sheriff and his men beating over a large section of the wash before news could be got to them of the capture and all showed the effects of the strenuous search by the time they got back to the jail.

To Chief Shay and Sheriff Ralphs, Rice explained the manner of his escape from the hospital, and stated that Tuesday a man, whom he does not know, informed him that he was wanted for murder, and went on to detail the punishment that was in store for him. This decided him to make an effort to get away, as he realized that he was without friends or money, and feared that he might be railroaded to the gallows.

Jail For Rice

Sheriff Ralphs had quite a talk with the prisoner last evening, Rice denying that he was wanted anywhere but at Las Vegas, and stated that he had become involved there through another man, for whom the officers are looking.

Owing to the desperate chances which the prisoner takes in his attempts to regain his liberty, he will now be confined in the county jail, and has been locked up in a large cell in what is known as murderers' row, where he will receive every attention possible until he recovers.

He was in great pain yesterday afternoon from the bullet wound in his chest, and there is a chance that his escape may bring on a relapse, as he is far from out of danger. He is a puzzle to the sheriff,

who is making a strong effort to unravel the real reason why the prisoner has taken such desperate chances in trying to get away.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

No baseball game tomorrow, as the New Mexicans seem to be unable to get an aggregation together to clash with the East Side team.

Col. Charles J. "Buffalo" Jones will repeat his world famed illustrated lecture in this city at the Duncan opera house next Friday evening.

The Romero saw mill, which was totally destroyed by fire about a month ago up in the canyon, has been rebuilt and is in operation again.

Final proof on the homestead entry of Apollonio Morales for land in San Miguel county, was made today before the United States court commissioner.

Secretary Yearbury, of the Y. M. C. A. was today presented with two beautiful wildcat hides by Lorenzo Delgado. Mr. Yearbury will have the hides cured and made into rugs.

The Colorado Telephone company has just closed a contract with Bacharach Bros. to install in their place of business telephones in the various departments of the store.

J. M. Ross, a tonsorial artist of some merit, late of the Duke City, is now cutting and slashing in the barber stall of A. L. Gump. This fixture has been added temporarily to the establishment, as the hustling proprietor left the city this afternoon for a pleasure jaunt to Salt Lake City and Denver, Colo.

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BUFFALO JONES TO REPEAT FAMOUS ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Charles J. Jones, popularly known as "Buffalo" Jones, has recently returned to Las Vegas, and on Friday evening, August 13th will again favor the people of this city with another of his world famous lectures, entitled "A Lifetime With Wild Animals." He has been associated from infancy with wild animals of the west. For years he was government game warden in Yellowstone Park. Through his constant association with wild animals, he has learned to read and understand their minds, as the "book-worm" does his book.

President Roosevelt says of him: "Some of his, ('Buffalo' Jones) exploits with wild animals are hazardous to the point of astonishment." For instance, he has made numerous captures of full grown mountain lions. His feat of manhandling the grizzly bears in Yellowstone Park is noted the country over. He also instituted the proceeding of whipping bad bears in Yellowstone Park, thus making man-fearing bears of them. Col. Jones says that a tame wild animal is the most dangerous thing in the world. The bears in the park were becoming too tame and they needed discipline.

The New York Sun says of Colonel Jones "that he is the greatest after dinner speaker that has come to Broadway within that year. He is a delightfully pleasing speaker, and considering the subject matter of his lecture, a combination is effected that makes for rapt interest. The lecture is educational in spite of its unusual dramatic qualities, as evidenced by the fact that within the present season Colonel Jones has appeared at many prominent educational institutions including Yale, West Point, Dartmouth and other colleges."

His moving pictures, which will be exhibited during the lecture, and also a number of stereopticon slides, are without doubt the most wonderful pictures of their kind ever exhibited to any audience in the country. None of them are posed, but they are all real, with the reality that breathes of the wild life of the west. During Colonel Jones' visit recently to the Grand Canyon of Arizona and vicinity he acquired a number of these wonderful views, which have been added to his collection, and these also will be thrown upon the canvass by stereopticon slides.

In order to assure ample room and perfect comfort in every respect, Col. Jones will deliver his world famous lecture at the Duncan opera house, thus affording everyone the opportunity of taking advantage of this rare treat.

Tickets are now on sale. Ask for reserved seats. Prices, 15c, 25c and 35c.

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